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Comments:

Please pass this bill so that freelance court reporters like myself will not need to be notaries to swear in witnesses, which is an unnecessary expense and paperwork every four years. Thank you!

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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol. Room 016
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Legislators,

Thank you for taking the time to consider House Bill 2721 regarding the administration of oaths by court reporters. As a Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) in the state of Hawai'i, I would like to share with you my support for this bill.

I have been a CSR in Hawai'i and working here as a freelance court reporter for 12 years. Previous to working in Hawai'i, I worked for two years in Texas and attended court reporting school in California, both states which do not require court reporters to be Notary Publics in order to administer oaths to witnesses. In order to obtain my license as a Hawai'i CSR, I had to pass a skills and written knowledge test administered by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), as well as a written knowledge exam administered by the State of Hawai'i. In order to maintain my license, I have to complete 30 hours of continuing education every three years, which is monitored by both our state CSR board as well as the NCRA.

As a freelance court reporter, I administer oaths to witnesses at depositions, hearings, and arbitrations. I do not have to notarize documents in order to perform my duties as a freelance court reporter.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to consider this bill and following the lead of 22 other states that also do not require their CSRs to also be Notary Publics.

Aloha,

Jessica R. Perry, CSR, RPR